

## The Second Sunday in Lent in Ordinary time - YC 17th Mar 2019

**Entrance Ant:** Of You my heart has spoken: Seek His face. It is Your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not Your face from me.

**First reading :** from the book of Genesis 15: 5 - 12, 17- 18.

**Responsorial Psalm :** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Second Reading :** from the Letter to the Philippians 3: 17, 4:1.

**Gospel Acclamation :** Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Fathers voice is heard; this is my beloved Son, hear Him. Glory and Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel :** according to Luke 9: 28 - 36.

**Communion Antiphon:** This is my beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.

### Sydney Archdiocese News

#### Day of the Unborn Child

*"I will not forget you, I have carved you on the palm of my hand."* Isaiah 49. The Family and Life Institute are holding their annual Day of the Unborn Child rally on Sun 24/3. This is a day of celebration & remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by abortion. Details 12pm Angelus, followed by a peaceful procession through the CBD led by Bishop Anthony Randazzo and 1.30pm Benediction at St. Mary's Cathedral.

#### Walk the Lenten Journey on your Mobile Phone

In his message for Lent 2019, Pope Francis emphasised that we should "not allow this season of grace to pass in vain." With new content daily, the Lent Calendar App can help those who desire to journey through Lent with purpose. The App includes the daily Gospel, a suggested Lent act, and a multimedia feature to pray and reflect upon. Available as an App on Apple and Android devices, and online at [www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3lent](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3lent)

#### Discernment Retreat for Men 2019

A retreat for men at all stages of their discernment who are considering a vocation to Priesthood. The weekend includes talks, time for personal prayer, sacraments, spiritual guidance, Q&A with seminarians and discussions. Keynote address by His Grace, Most Rev. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Friday 22 5pm to Sunday 24 March 1pm. Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush. Cost: \$99. Registration is Essential: [https://docs.google.com/forms/de/1FAIpQLSeI39KjJXVZ\\_O9xu2kQn4o8RYbEf07t7PIS955JTyxcpwAIQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/de/1FAIpQLSeI39KjJXVZ_O9xu2kQn4o8RYbEf07t7PIS955JTyxcpwAIQ/viewform)

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After One often hears the conventional wisdom: 'All religions are the same, with somewhat different packaging.' But, do they believe the same thing about the human person? What if one believed that the most vital part of a person was 'the soul' which alone was destined for Heaven? This is not the Christian belief. Today's Gospel recounts that body was transfigured. This was no out-of-the-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was totally translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Every molecule of his materiality was reverberating in the halo of divine glory. That is the destiny which God desires for us also. When we are really in harmony with God, when we really participate in the life of God, then that Divine Life envelops and permeates our whole person, body soul. That is our ultimate destiny, but can it be anticipated in the lives of those close to God? You might care to read the story of St Seraphim of Sarov from the Russian Orthodox tradition. A follower recounts the dazzling bodily transformation of the saint with the blaze of light spilling over onto the snow-covered meadow. We might pause for a moment to affirm our Christian hope that, with God's grace, we will be radiant with Divine Light, our bodies immersed in translucent glory, filled with infinite joy in our hearts.

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## Parish News

### Lenten Program 2019

The Lenten Program commenced last Friday and will continue every Friday up until Palm Sunday. This year the program is Discerning the Way of Jesus with the first topic titled "The Way Through the Desert." It is a program from the Broken Bay Dioceses. There is no cost involved to join this program and the meetings will be held in the Parish hall. It's not too late and if you would like to come please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

### Project Compassion (Caritas) Sunday

This weekend continues the Easter Project Compassion program titled "Give Lent 100%." Project Compassion works with partners around the world offering hope to people who are the most vulnerable and at risk of poverty. There are money boxes, envelopes and brochures in the foyer.

The boxes can be taken home and returned after Easter.

### Parish council fund raising news

Thank you to all who have contributed to the collection of goods for our Trash & Treasure Stall. Please keep up the good work. While we still need homeware goods and children's toys, we do not have a great supply of CD's, DVD's and books and contributions would be greatly appreciated.

All goods to be left in the crate in the foyer of the Church.

At this stage we are unable to accept electrical goods or heavy furniture.

For any further information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

### Parish Ministries

We are still in need of volunteers to help our Parish run efficiently.

As the new school year has just commenced, we are looking for volunteers to join our Catechist Ministry to bring the Word of God to children in the local schools. If you can spend just one hour a week helping this vital cause, please call Nory Teriana on 0423 414 631 or the Parish Office. All training & materials are provided.

### Parish Working Bee

On Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019 from about 8.30am there will be a "working bee" to prepare the church and surrounds for Palm for Sunday and the Easter Ceremonies. This will include preparing the palms around the Church area and clearing the hall for the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday night.

Donations of Palms for Palm Sunday will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the Church on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April.

If you are able to assist in any way please leave your name and contact details of the list on the table at the rear of the church. For further details please contact the Parish Secretary, David Moore on 9825 1679.

### Stations of the Cross

Will run in the Church each Friday evening at 7:00pm during Lent.



## Mass Times

### Weekends :

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am

### Weekdays :

Tuesday - Friday 7:00am

**Adoration** : Thurs 7:30pm (except before first Friday of month)

**Reconciliation** : Sat 4:30 pm.

### **Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick & Funerals**

By appointment.

### Sacramental Program 2019

The dates for First Holy Communion have been finalised.

Masses will be as follows:

+ Mass 1	-	Vigil Saturday	22nd June 2019	-	5:30pm
+ Mass 2	-	Sunday	23rd June 2019	-	9.30am
+ Mass 3	-	Vigil Saturday	29th June 2019	-	5.30pm
+ Mass 4	-	Sunday	30th June 2019	-	9.30am

Enrolment forms for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion must be returned to the Parish office by this Friday 22nd March. Please select your preferred Mass time on the form. There is a compulsory meeting for all parents / caregivers on Sunday 5th May at 4:00pm in the Church which will outline this year's program and timetable.

### The Easter timetable

Easter Liturgies have been confirmed and are available at the back of the Church and on the website. [www.stchristophers.org.au/](http://www.stchristophers.org.au/)

### We Pray For The Sick

Cooney,

Peter Wanchalem Srirattana, Brian Cyril Ferriere, Lise Ferriere, Anne Enriquez, Barbara Becroft, Frank Ilankovan, Steven Aboud, Sofia Abener, Johnny Price



### Recently Deceased

Akl DahDah, Maria Zdorikova

### Anniversaries

Patricia Hartin, Edgar Baumann, Trudy Baumann,

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*